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FOR ALLOWING SELECTIVE)

DISPOSITION OF AN)

INCOMING TELEPHONE)

CALL DURING AN INTERNET)

SESSION)

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Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

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-- RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/991,079, "Method and Apparatus for Allowing Selective Disposition of an Incoming Telephone Call During an Internet Session" filed on December 16, 1997. --

In the Claims

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REPLACEMENT PAGE

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ALLOWING SELECTIVE DISPOSITION OF AN INCOMING TELEPHONE
CALL DURING AN INTERNET SESSION**

1. **Field of the Invention**

The present invention is directed to telephony and the internet, and more particularly, to a software tool for notifying an internet user of an incoming telephone call.

2. **Related Application**

This is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/991,079, "Method and Apparatus for Allowing Selective Disposition of an Incoming Telephone Call During an Internet Session" filed on December 16, 1997. —

3. **Background**

The past several years have seen an explosive growth of the internet. Most of the increase in the popularity of the internet can be attributed to the information content available through the World Wide Web (the "Web"). The Web is built around a network of "server" computers which exchange requests and data from each other using the hypertext transfer protocol ("HTTP"). The Web consists of Web "pages" designed by a human designer using the Hypertext Markup Language ("HTML"). Each Web page contains graphical and text information. A new page may be accessed from the current page via a "hyperlink."

A user views a Web page using one of a number of commercially available "browser" programs. The browser submits an appropriate HTTP request to establish a communications link with a Web server on the network. A typical HTTP request references a Web page by its unique Uniform Resource Locator ("URL"). A URL identifies the Web server hosting that Web page, so that an HTTP request for access to the Web page can be routed to the appropriate Web server for handling.